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Rationale Thinking

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2 PETER 3:

1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
2. To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with **pure conscience**, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;
4. Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears that I may be filled with joy;
5. When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.
6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
7. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; **but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

Monologue

- I could continue to preach on faith and salvation but it seems it is not getting through
 - We hear the word but it is not a factor in our day-to-day lives
 - We don't apply the word to our situations in life
 - If anything, we ignore it, we often live in opposition to the word of God that is preached
 - We do not attend to the word of God
- Are we living our lives with our mind engaged **or are we asleep???**
 - What are we doing with our lives
 - Do we think about what we are doing or do we live in the moment and make our decisions according to our flesh?
- **IF YOU ARE EVER GOING TO BE WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO BE, YOU MUST CHANGE YOUR THINKING, YOU MUST RENEW YOUR MIND**
 - It is a constant battle and something you must work on every minute of every day
 - As Paul died daily, so must we
 - We must die to ourselves and be willing to be conformed into the image of his son.
- I used to walk close to God, he allowed it then the things of this world drew me back
 - Now I'm having to learn how to be close to God so I can teach others
 - As I'm learning and making progress, my mind now remembers that it is not new
 - I'm also realizing that it is the same things that I used to do that drew me close that is the secret to getting me back
 - **This is part of God's plan so I can teach other how to live close to him**
- Some of us are so selfish, we only think about us and our needs



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- We are in this for us
- It is all about us
- Are we our brother's keeper as God asked of Cain, for many of us **NO**
- Will we stop by & help the stranger on the side of the road like the good Samaritan, **NO**
- Will we feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, take in the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick, go to those in prison **NO** again because it is all about **US**
- Look at where America is today
 - The current divorce rate in America is 50%
 - Last year, 40% of children were born out of wedlock
 - Sound like we are in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah

ST MATTHEW 24:

35. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
36. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
37. But as the days of Noe were, so shall the also the coming of the Son of man be.
38. **For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,**
39. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

ST LUKE 17:

26. And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.
27. They **did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage**, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.
28. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; **they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;**
29. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.
30. Even thus shall it be in **the day when the Son of man is revealed.**

Serving God with a pure conscience

Conscience // G4893 // Suneidesis // Soon-i'-day-sis //

- I. The consciousness of anything
- II. The soul as distinguishing between what is morally good and bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter, commending one, condemning the other
 - a. The conscience

The Mind

Mind // G4995 // Sophronismos // so-fron-is-mos' //

- I. An admonishing or calling to soundness of mind, to moderation and self control
- II. Self-control, moderation



ROMANS 1:

16. **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;** to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**
19. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.
20. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse;
21. Because that, when they knew God, **they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**
22. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
23. And **changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things,**
24. Wherefore God also gave them up to **uncleanness through lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves;**
25. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
26. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for **even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:**
27. And likewise also the men, **leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another;** men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.
28. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;**
29. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
30. Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
31. Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
32. Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

- Some of us hold our truth in unrighteousness
 - Our thinking goes contrary to the word of God
- The world has become vain in its imagination and its heart has been darkened
- In our wisdom we have become fools
 - We think that we are smarter than God and his Word
- We live in a day and time when we worship the creature more than the creator
 - For many, their God is **mother earth**
 - **We kill babies in the womb and raise tons of money to save animals**



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- Just last night they were requesting \$18 a month for the ASPCA to keep animal from suffering
- This at a time when the FoodBanks are empty and people are hungry
- I have never seen so many animals in airports as I have seen lately
 - Some of those animals are better taken care of than many children I've seen
- You have sexual desires that God built in you and when you don't use them naturally in the manner in which God ordained, they will find an unnatural means of release
 - It's like a dam, has anyone ever heard of a dam that does not overflow and flood???
 - It can only hold back the water (the natural desires) for so long and then they flood.
 - You can only contain desire so long before it unleashes itself
- If you reject God and his knowledge, he will give you over to a reprobate mind

Reprobate // G96 // Adokimos // ad-ok'-ee-mos //

1. Not standing the test, not approved
 - a. Properly used of metals and coins
2. That which does not prove itself such as it ought
 - a. Unfit for, unproved, spurious, reprobate (castaway, rejected)

2 CORINTHIANS 4:

1. Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
2. But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
3. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
4. **In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**
 - Many of our living lives with blinded mind.
 - We may listen to the word of God but we don't focus on applying it to our lives

WE MUST GET OUR MIND IN THE GAME

ST MATTHEW 23:

37. Jesus said unto them, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**
38. This is the first and great commandment.

ST MARK 12:

30. And thou **shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.**

EPHESIANS 4:



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17. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,**
 18. Having the understanding darkened, **being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:**
 19. Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
 20. But ye have not so learned Christ;
 21. If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as in the truth is in Jesus.
 22. That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
 23. And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
 24. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- There is work that must be done to put on the new mind
 - God does not want us to continue to walk in the vanity of our minds
 - Our mind can alienate us from God
 - It happens through our ignorance
 - It causes us to give ourselves over to our own lust
 - We operate on greed and lust
 - WE NEED TO BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR MIND
 - Allows us to put on the new man
 - Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind
 - Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:3-5)
 - If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (1 Cor 5:17)

JESUS CAN FIX THE MIND

ST LUKE 8:

27. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.
28. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.
29. (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)
30. And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.
31. And they besought him that he should not command them to go out into the deep.
32. And there was an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.
33. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the heard ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.



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34. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country.
35. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, **sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind**: and they were afraid.
36. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.
37. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.
38. Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away saying,
39. Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.
40. And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him; for they were all waiting for him.
41. And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:
42. For he had only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.
43. And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any.
44. Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment, and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd,
45. And Jesus said, Who touched me?
 - We need to see that we are lost and we need a saviour
 - We need to turn to the living God who can heal us and give us the power of sound mind
 - When we have that sound mind, we need to apply our mind to sound thoughts

PHILLIPIANS 4:

8. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are **of good report**, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**.
9. Those things, which ye have both learned and received, and heard, and seen in me do: and the God of peace shall be with you.
11. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
12. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
13. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
19. But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
20. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



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LET THE MIND OF CHRIST BE IN YOU

PHILIPPIANS 2:

5. **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**
6. Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and because obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
11. And that every tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.